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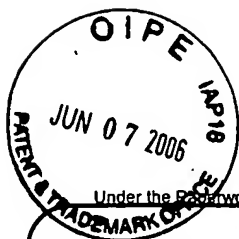
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Art Unit

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2006		Complete if Known	
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		Filing Date	03/04/2005
		First Named Inventor	HILLIS, W. Daniel
		Examiner Name	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Art Unit	n/a
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 2,290.00		Attorney Docket No.	HMI P1199US1

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims - 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

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If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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- [X] Declaration (I) for Utility or Design Patent Application.
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- 2) Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. ' 1.16 for presentation of extra claims; and
- 3) Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. ' 1.16.

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Respectfully submitted,

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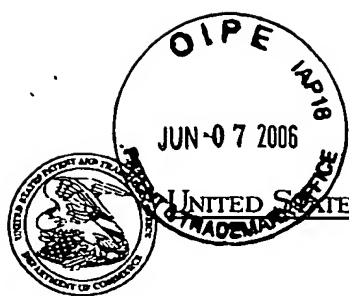
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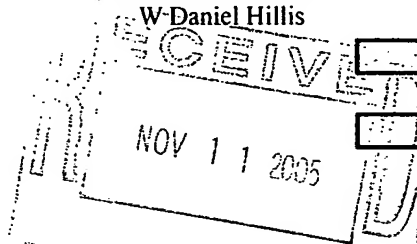


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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/04/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/04/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/04/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 06/20/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 03/04/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 03/04/2005
- Specification filed on 03/04/2005
- Claims filed on 03/04/2005
- Abstracts filed on 03/04/2005
- Drawings filed on 03/04/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

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